camps in Bangla" appearing in the Asian Age dated December 17, 1996. During her discussions in Delhi in December 1996, the Prime Minister of Bangladesh had conveyed that her Government was fully cognizant of India's security concerns including the presence of insurgent groups across the border.

Government is aware of anti-India activities of ULFA insurgents inside Bangladesh. Government's concern at such activities have been taken up on a regular basis with the Government of Bangladesh at high levels. A positive response has been received from the Government of Bangladesh. Both Bangladesh and India have agreed to work together to counter terrorism and insurgency activities and have stated that they would not permit their territories to be used for any activity targeted against the other. The Home Secretaries of India and Bangladesh during their meeting in February 1997 also agreed to take all necessary action on specific information provided in regard to security related matters exchanged between the two sides.

Employment to Farmers whose Land has been Acquired

*316. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any policy under which members of families of such farmers whose land has been acquired for construction of dams can be employed in such projects; and

(b) if so, the number of local people provided employment in Damodar valley Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) There is at present no National Resettlement and Rahabilitation Policy. However, in the year 1980, the then Union Ministry of Irrigation had issued directives to all the States regarding rehabilitation of displaced persons due to major reservoir projects. Besides, various State Governments have evolved their own Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policies which vary from State to State and Project to Project. Employment Opportunities for eligible mambers of such families whose land has been acquired for construction of dams are attempted to be taken care of to the extent possible.

(b) As per information received from Damodar Valley Corporation, for the old projects like construction of Dams, Power Plants, the policy of Damodar Valley Corporation was to fill up 30% attrition vacancies from the panels prepared for the displaced persons. For new projects, policy is to give employment to one member of those families which lost 75% and above of their land holding. From, 1978 onwards, out of 1398 displaced persons empanelled against the old projects, 635 persons have so far been provided employment in Damodar Valley Corporation. As for Majia Thermal Power Station which is a new project, appointment offars to 120 displaced persons against the displaced quota have been isuued and all of them have already joined in the unskilled posts.

Assistance to Technical Institutions

*317. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH :
SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the financial assistance given by World Bank/ other international organisations, for establishing technical/professional institutions in Maharashtra and Karnataka, project-wise;

(b) the progress achieved in respect of ongoing projects;

(c) the new projects proposed by the State Governments for financial assistance by the World Bank/ other international organisations, location-wise;

(d) the present status of the proposals, proposal-wise;

(e) whether the Government of Karnataka has sought funds for purchase of equipments and for creating internet facilities among technical institutions; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (f) The World Bank assisted project for development of Technician Education includes establishment of 3 new polytechnics in Maharashtra and 3 polytechnics in Karnataka. The total outlay under the project for Maharashtra is Rs. 164.2 crores and that for Karnataka is Rs. 46.6 crores. Except one polytechnic for Film and Television Institute in Karnataka all other institutions have been established. The World Bank assisted project covers polytechnics in 19 States with a total project cost of about Rs. 1650 crores. No other proposals are in the process so far as assistance sought by the State Governments from international agencies for technical institutions are concerned.

Guidelines for Safety and Hygiene of Food

*318. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has studied the book on "Health Law : International and Regional Perspectives" by an internationally renowned legal expert;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;